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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Re: Vote for H.R. 4213

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On behalf of the 500,000 proud and strong members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I am writing to urge you to support immediate passage of H.R. 4213, the *Promoting American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010* (often referred to as the "Tax Extenders Bill"). I am advised that there will be a floor vote on the bill tomorrow, May 20th.

H.R. 4213 contains many provisions that LIUNA's members strongly support and America needs, including:

- Multiemployer pension plan funding relief that will give these plans time to recover from the unexpected crash of the investment markets in 2008 and the continuing effects of the deep economic recession. These defined benefit plans are essential for the retirement income security of millions of American workers, including hundreds of thousands of LIUNA members and their families. The temporary relief contained in this bill is not a bailout; it merely gives the plans some more time to re-build their sound funding without sudden, severe increases in collectively bargained contribution rates that would cause more job losses, force more cuts in wages and benefits, and undermine the plans' viability.
- Assist unemployed workers and their families by extending unemployment insurance benefits and the COBRA health plan coverage subsidy.
- Increase financing for state and local infrastructure projects through enhancements in Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Bonds.
- Promote the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing.
- Restore some tax fairness and social justice by eliminating tax incentives for companies who ship jobs overseas and by closing the loophole through which super-rich hedge fund and private equity managers escape fair taxation of their profitable "carried interests".
- A six-month extension of the Recovery Act's increased federal Medicaid contribution (FMAP) to states, which would free up state funds that could prevent layoffs for public workers.

America's workers, including the hundreds of thousands of LIUNA members and their families, are counting on you to do the right thing and support H.R. 4213.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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